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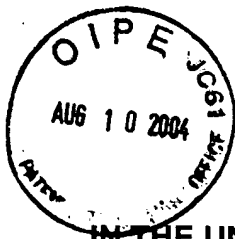
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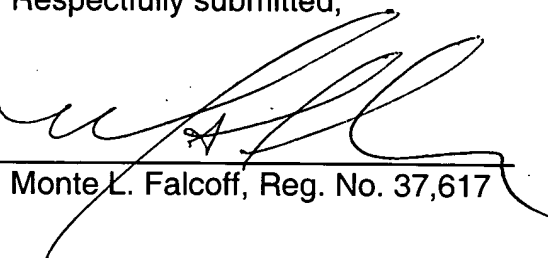
**ELECTION**

In response to the Restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121, dated July 13, 2004, Applicants' representative hereby provisionally elects Group I, Claims 1-40, 42 and 43, but with traverse. The Examiner has not set forth a prima facie case of undue burden. Accordingly, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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